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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Objections to Claims

These objections have been addressed by:

• changing "capable of" to -for- in the preamble of each of claims 1-3 and 7; and

• deleting "the" in front of the phrase "at least one subscriber line" in line 9 of claim 1.

2. Rejection of Claims 4-6 Under 35 USC §103(a)

This rejection has been rendered moot by the amendment of claim 4 to include the limitations of claim 7, indicated as allowable in item 7 on page 6 of the Official Action.

Claims 1-3 are indicated as allowable in item 8 on page 7.

Having thus overcome each of the objections and rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the objections and rejections, and expedited passage of the application to issue, is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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